(d) whether a tussle is going on between NTPC and DVP over payment of dues by DVP, if so, the amount of electricity consumed/withdrawn by DVP and the dues paid by it during last six months, month-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Due to the shortage of Coal and in order to augment the power availability in the Northern Region, a decision was taken by consensus in Northern Region Electricity Board (NREB) meeting held in January, 1996, that the 4th unit of 210 MW NCTPP, Dadri (4x210 MW) be run on oil. The quantum of Heavy Furnace Oil (HFO) required for running one unit Of 210 MW capacity on "full load" for a day is 1100 KL.

As per the provisions of two part tariff system applicable for NTPC stations, the fixed charges have to be paid by the bulk power customers in full i.e. DVB in this case.

(c) As informed by DVB, the power demand of Delhi during summer 1997 is anticipated around 2400 MW. Against this, the firm availablity of power from Delhi Vidyut Board's (DESU) own power stations is 400 MW and that of Badar-pur Thermal Power Station is 500 MW. The balance power requirement will be met by Delhi Vidyut Board from its allocated and unallocated shares in the Central Power Stations in the Northern Region/Grid.

(d) No, Sir. The amount of electricity consumed by DVB and the dues paid by it during the last six months is given below:

(Rs. in crore)

Period	Energy imported from NTPC (M.U.)	Amount billed	Amount paid by DVB
Oct. 96	603.900	84.35	55.00
Nov. 963	537.700	69.93	55.00
Dec. 96	598.500	80.59	55.00
Jan. 97	594.700	86.34	60.00
Feb. 97	458.800	65.05	60.00
March 97	478.200	63.20	60.00

Employees in liquid propulsion system centre

4395. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees working in the Liquid Propulsion Centre at Mahendragiri department-wise;

(b) the number of SC, ST employees working in the centre, depatment-wisc; and

(c) the number of employees working in the centre, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) The Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre at Mahendragiri is a small unit. The particulars of employees are as follows:—

Divsion	Total No. of Employees	Out ; of No. of SC	Col. 2 ST
1	2	3	4
1. Earth Storable Facilities	112	19	02
2. Cryogenic System Facilities	70	08	—
3. Mahendragiri Fabrication Facility	35	03	—
4. Instrumentation and Data Acquisition	57	06	—
5. Engineering Maintenance Division	45	09	03

	Division	Total No. of Employees	Out of Nt . of SC	Col. 2 ST
6.	Safety	29	10	02
7.	Technical Services—Human Resources Development	19	06	01
8.	Reliability and quality Assurance	24	03	—
9.	Admn. Services	141	33	07
	Total:	532	97	15

(c)Tamil Nadu __ 464
Kerala__ 57
Karnataka__ 5
Andhra__ 4
Bihar__ 1
UP__ 1

Installation of state of Mahatma Gandhi at India Gate

4396. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propopse to clear the confusion about installation of the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at India Gate; and

(b) whether the matter has been inordinately delayed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. V. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) The Government's commitment to install the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at India Gate or at any other suitable location in Delhi remains. The Government is at present considering the suitability of different locations at the India Gate Complex as well as outside it for installation of the statue during 50th year of India's independence. However, the matter is subjudice in the Delhi High Court which had issued an interim injunction order in CWP No. 2725/95 restricting the Government of India from "Altering/ removing/demolishing the Canopy/ Chatri at the India Gate roundabout renamed as August Kranti udyan".

Amendments in the Delhi rent act

4397. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governemnt have since decided to bring about certain changes and amendments in the Delhi Rent Act, 1995 before enforcing it, as determined on the basis of representations received from various interests and proposals made by Delhi Government;

(b) if so, what specific changes are proposed to be made in the Act to balance various interests concerned; and

(c) by when the amending Bill is likely to be brought forth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. V. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) Soon after the Delhi Rent Act, 1995 was